

Claims 1-8 are presented in the above-captioned Application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, presented by claims 1-7, drawn to a method and a device to identify data packets transferred between 2 sources, classifying the data transferred and accounting for the cost of those associated data packets, classified in class 705, subclass 400; and


Group II, presented by claim 8, drawn to a system comprising of a host computer and a local programmable device for managing telecommunication devices connected by a network, classified in class 709, subclass 218.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, without necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's position, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution at this time the subject matter of Group I, presented by claims 1-7. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this Application.

In view of the foregoing election, at an early date, an examination on the merits of the elected claims is earnestly solicited.

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